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REMEMBER

The friendly business firms who are patronizing the Labor Advocate and endeavoring to show their good will and sincerity through the columns of this paper, the official journal, deserve the patronage of loyal members of organized labor, and will be remembered by them on every shopping trip.

GOOD-BYE, GEO. B.

There was laid to rest last week in Spring Grove Cemetery, a man who had the courage of his convictions, a man whose word was his bond, and who never side-stepped an issue in his life.

By the death of Geo. B. Cox, union labor lost a friend and a good one. He did not do everything they asked him, but he would do the big ones, the ones they needed at the right time.

Often when capital conspired against organized labor, and the facts were shown to Mr. Cox, he would immediately take steps, without publicity, to get them a square deal and that is all they ever wanted.

No union man went to the electric chair when Cox controlled.

Good-bye, Geo. B., and we hope that you will meet the reward that is yours, for union labor and the Labor Advocate, like thousands of others in Cincinnati, have lost a real friend.

PERHAPS THEY WILL.

The Post will now believe, for the first time, that Geo. B. Cox has retired from politics.

AMEN, BROTHER JOHNSON.

"Putting union men in the electric chair, don't get no votes for anybody," remarked Brother Johnson at the hodcarriers' meeting last week.

PROSECUTOR CAMPBELL, READ THIS.

It requires mighty little to satisfy organized labor, when one comes to think of it: A "square deal"—that's all.—Fort Worth Union Banner.

LET'S GO.

There will be a great gathering of Trade Unionists from all over Ohio next week at Columbus. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor will deliver an address at Memorial Hall on the evening of May 31st. He will speak upon subjects of vital interest to the Labor movement, particularly to union men of Ohio.

Every Trade Unionist in the State should attend this meeting. Let's go!

TOKER CRIMES.

Harry Toker, the degenerate who last week shot and killed Mrs. Sherrard Beatty, was an act that is enough to shake your confidence in the idea of helping a fellow who is down and out. Not satisfied with murdering her, he attempted to blacken her character, which is the greater crime of the two.

We knew Mrs. Beatty, and we knew the good work she was doing and can realize what a miserable wretch Toker is, when he utters one word against such a lovely character as was Mrs. Beatty.

The electric chair is too good for Toker.

HE WAS NON-UNION.

Prosecutor Campbell in an interview in The Post of May 23, speaking of the Keiner case, where a man cut his wife's throat as she lay in bed, said:

"If he had been tried for first degree it would have been difficult to prove that he had acted with deliberation, as it is necessary to prove in a first degree case. So we accepted his plea of guilty. He was given a life term and that is probably what he would have been given had he been tried and convicted.

"I would ask for a death sentence only in cases of most atrocious and deliberate murders."

How about the four union painters whom you are trying to put in the electric chair? Did the evidence show that Doty acted with deliberation, when he was not in the room at the time Shall was murdered?

A REGULAR CASEY JONES.

Prosecutor Jno. V. Campbell announces that he will try the union painters on the following dates before Judge Caldwell: Herbert Doty, June 5; Emery Teeters, June 12; Edward Perry, June 19, and Vincent Doty, June 26.

One week apart: still the records show that there are lots of other murder cases that are not even considered.

Casey Jones never ran a railroad any faster than this.

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY.

The late Geo. B. Cox once said: "There isn't a man in Cincinnati who personally can control one thousand votes. When candidates think they are successful because of their personal popularity they deceive themselves. It is the unpopularity of the opposing candidate that runs them ahead of the ticket. You will find that hatred and revenge are much stronger factors than gratitude. A fellow who has it in for you will fight three times as hard as one who wants to do you a good turn."

Therefore solidarity in the fight against John V. Campbell will bring success to whoever the Democrats nominate.

SALOON KEEPERS KEEP OFF.

Safety Director Friedlander has given permission for saloon keepers to clean up their places, before 6 a. m. (which means after 12 at night) and on Sunday morning.

Mr. Saloon Keeper, if you have any sense you will not take advantage of his generous offer, because if you do, some of your customers will want a drink, if you serve him, you will have to serve others, which will bring trouble and if you refuse him you will lose his trade.

Better keep off of it, if you want to keep your trade and your license.

FIGURES DON'T LIE, PAT.

An Irishman was working for a Dutchman and wanted a raise in wages. The Dutchman said: "Pat if you are worth it I will give it to you, but listen, Pat.

"You know there are 365 days in the year." Pat said "Yep." "Now you sleep 8 hours each day, that equals 122 days you sleep. Figures don't lie, Pat. Take that off of 365 days and you have left 243 days.

"Now, Pat, you have 8 hours for vacation and devotion." "Yep," said Pat. "That equals 122 days. Now take that off of 243 days, and you have 121 days left. Then there are 52 Sundays in the year. You must take that off, for you don't work on Sunday, and that leaves you 69 days.

"You know I always give you 14 days' vacation each year." "Yep," said Pat. "That leaves 55 days. Now, Pat, there are 52 Saturday half-holidays in the year. You know you don't work Saturday afternoon." "Yep," said Pat. "That makes 26 days. Now take that off, that leaves 29 days. Now, Pat, you have one hour and a half for meals each day." "Yep," said Pat. "That equals 28 days. Now you must take that off. That leaves one day. And figures don't lie, Pat.

"Now, Pat, you know I always give you every year St. Patrick's Day off. Now, Pat I want to ask you, do you think you are worth a raise?"

Pat said: "What the hell have I been doing all this time?"

EFFECTS OF IMMIGRATION.

San Francisco.—The Bulletin of this city is a consistent advocate of immigration restriction and believes that present-day strikes indicate growing independence on the part of workers and their refusal to accept "industrial exploitation," which can be only maintained by increasing immigration. The Bulletin makes this observation:

"Unless we are swamped with immigration the industrial exploitation and absolutism of the pre-war period can never be quite restored. When the present wounds are scars and the present anger has burned itself out, the employing classes—or such members of them as do not seek more power than ought to be allowed them in a democracy—will be the better for living in a country where standards of living and of liberty have been in some degree raised."

NAVY YARD CONFERENCE.

Norfolk, Va.—Because of dissatisfaction over working conditions at the Norfolk navy yard, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, at the request of Secretary Berres of the A. F. of L. Metal Trades Department, came to this city and conferred with Secretary Berres, representatives of the metal trades unions at the yard, and the industrial manager of the yard.

The various trades affiliated presented their grievances, and the discussion that followed lasted over four hours. It was agreed that the conference will prove helpful to all concerned. Secretary Berres stated that it was the first time, to his knowledge, that such a conference was ever held.

STEAMFITTERS RAISE WAGES.

Cincinnati.—Steamfitters and Helpers' union has signed a three years' contract with employers. Wages are increased and improved working conditions have been secured.

NON-UNIONISM RAMPANT.

Sioux City, Iowa.—While the average anti-union employer attempts to conceal his antagonism to labor organizations by professing faith in what he terms "the open shop," the Sioux City Brick and Tile Company has thrown off the mask and is compelling every applicant for work to sign the following:

"I make it a condition on coming back to the Sioux City Brick and Tile Company that I am not affiliated with any brickmakers' union and I am not contemplating joining one without first consulting with the Sioux City Brick and Tile Company's officials."

RUBBER WORKERS GAIN.

East Palestine, Ohio.—Rubber Workers' Union No. 14509, affiliated to the American Federation of Labor, has secured an agreement with the McGraw Rubber Company and the strike at that plant is at an end. Wages are increased 15 per cent and all time lost over 15 minutes shall be paid for at the rate of 40 cents an hour. The company will keep tools in shape, all employees are re-instated in their former positions, no discrimination because of union affiliation, and grievances are to be adjusted by a committee representing the union and the company.

AUTO SHOPS GRANT INCREASE.

San Francisco.—Practically every auto repair shop in this city has accepted the \$4.50 wage rate of Machinists' Union. The old scale was \$4. There are about 100 of these concerns in San Francisco and over one-fifth of them have been unionized as a result of the machinists' agitation.

BOILERMAKERS WIN.

San Francisco.—Boilermakers' union No. 4 has won practically every demand on its employers and an agreement, with higher wages and better shop conditions, has been signed.

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Force of Habit.
"A thousand stars are looking down on you this night," said the poetical young man to the girl.
And she unconsciously put her hands up to arrange the position of her hat.—Exchange.

Artful Innocence.
"I wish I was a moth," was the enigmatical declaration made by a young married woman to her husband.
"Why?"
"Because I should be able to get into some new clothes."